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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION DECEMBER 2 ON EASTERN FREEZE
PROPOSAL

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1. SPC ON DECEMBER 2 DISCUSSED ALLIED REACTION TO EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL. THE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IN THE ALLIANCE ON THIS ISSUE PERSISTED. ON THE ONE HAND, CANADA, ITALY AND, TO SOME EXTENT, BELGIUM THOUGHT THE ALLIES SHOULD WORK ON ARGUMENTS TO USE AGAINST THE EASTERN PROPOSAL, IN THE NEGOTIATION AND, IF THE EAST LEAKS IT PROPOSAL, IN PUBLIC. THE FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS FAVORED A COUNTERPROPOSAL BASED ON PRINCIPLES, AND WERE PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT COUNTERPROPOSAL REPRODUCED BELOW. THE UK FAVORED TABLING A SPECIFIC COUNTERPROPOSAL, BORROWING AS MUCH OF THE EASTERN PHRASEOLOGY AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT IS SECRET

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REPRODUCED AS WELL. UK REP (LOGAN) SAID THE UK COUNTERPROPOSAL HAD NOT YET BEEN FINALLY APPROVED BY LONDON. MOST SPC MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS CRITICIZED IT AS BEING TOO SPECIFIC.

2. MISSION HAS NOW RECIEVED THE GUIDANCE IN REF A. SINCE NEXT SPC CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, WE HAVE CIRCULTAED A PAPER ON THE US POSITION, DRAWING FROM THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF REF A, AND PARA 3 OF REF B AS AMENDED BY REF A, IN ORDER TO GIVE DELEGATIONS THE OPPORTUINITY TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS.

3. BEGIN IS DRAFT COUNTERPROPOSAL:

MBFR: RESPONSE TO THE WARSAW PACTS NON-INCREASE OF FORCES PROPOSAL

ALLIED NEGOTIATORS ARE AUTHORIISED TO TELL THE EAST THAT THE ALLIES ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A MUTUAL ASSURANCE NOT TO INCREASE THE OVERALL AGGREAGATE LEVEL OF THE GROUND AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER OF EACH SIDE IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ON A REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT ARE BEING CONDUCTED, PROVIDED THAT SUCH AN ASSURANCE CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

(1) THE PARTICIPANTS ON EACH SIDE WOULD STATE COLLECITVELY, NOT SEVERALLY, THEIR FIRM INTENTION TO SEEK A REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT RESULTING IN APPROXIMATE PARITY OF THE GROUND FORCES OF EACH SIDE IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR COMBAT CAPABILITY IN TERMS OF MAN-POWER, HEAVY WEAPONRY AND DEPLOYMENT;

(2) EACH SIDE WOLD STATE COLLECTIVELY THE OVERALL AGGREGATE PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF ITS GROUND AND AIR FORCES IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS;

(3) THE TWO SIDES WOULD STATE THEIR INTENTION TO LIMIT THE VALIDITY OF THEIR ASSURANCE TO ONE YEAR OR UNTIL THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FIST CONCRETE REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER;

(4) BOTH SIDES WOULD STATE THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER ADEQUATE MENAS OF VERIFICATION TO ENSURE ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR MUTUAL NON INCREASE ASSUREACE.

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ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD ALSO TELL THE EAST THAT THE PRESENT PROPOSAL IN NO WAY PREJUDICES, ALTERS OR INVALIDATES THE PROPOSALS SO FAR MADE TO THEEAST CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF A REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT.

QUESTIONS OF DERAIL, SUCH AS THE EXACT FORM OF THE ASSURANCE AND NECESSARY EXCEPTIONS FOR NORMAL EXERCISES AND ROTATIONS, CAN BE ADDRESSED IF THE EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES RESPOND POSITIVELY TOTHE ALLIED PROPOSAL.

(FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AD HOC GROUP ONLY:
ALL PREVIOUS GUIDANCE, INCLUDING THE GUIDANCE ON NON INCREASE COMMITMENTS BETWEEN PHASES, REMAINS VALID.) END IS DRAFT

COUNTERPROPOSAL

4. BEGIN UK COUNTERPROPOSAL:

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM, CANADA THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,
THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG, THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHER-
LANDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE ONE HAND,
THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC, THE POLISH PEOPLES REPUBLIC AND THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON THE OTHER HAND,
BEING PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MUTUAL REDUCTION
OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL
EUROPE AND POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS ON
SUCH A REDUCTION,
GUIDED BY THE DESIRE TO SUPPLEMENT THE IMPROVEMENT OF POLITICAL
RELATIONS IN EUROPE WITH CORRESPONDING MILITARY MEASURES AND
THUS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP AND TO THE
STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT,
CONVINCED THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP MUST BE BASED ON THE
PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY AND OF PARITY BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES,
DESIRING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT AT THE NEGOTIATIONS
OF SPECIFIC RESULTS AND TO REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT
HINDER THIS,

DECLARE

THAT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM 1 JANUARY 1975 NEITHER SIDE
WILL INCREASE THE AGREEABLE TOTAL OF ITS GROUND AND AIR FORCE
MANPOWER IN CENTRAL EUROPE BEYOND THE LEVEL EXISTING ON 1

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JANUARY 1975 AND ACCORDINGLY THAT EACH SIDE WILL PROVIDE THE
OTHER WITH DETAILS OF THE SIZE OF ITS GROUND AND AIR FORCES
SITUATED IN CENTRAL EUROPE ON THAT DATE,
THAT, PROVIDED THE TWO SIDES ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THIS COMMITMENT SHALL BE RENEWED AND
FRESH DETAILS OF THE SIZE OF FORCES SHALL BE PROVIDED, AT THE
END OF THIS TWELVE MONTH PERIOD. END UK COUNTERPROPOSAL.
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